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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CRIMINAL NO. 04-90007

Plaintiff,

HONORABLE: MARIANNE O. BATTANI

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OFFENSE: 26 U.S.C. §7206(2) Aiding and Assisting in the Preparation of a False and

Fraudulent Return

D-CHARLEMAGNE FILS-AIME

a/k/a CHARLOT AIME,

STATUTORY INCARCERATION

PERIOD: Up to 3 years

Defendant.

STATUTORY FINE

AMOUNT: Up to \$100,000

RULE 11 PLEA AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Defendant, Defendant's attorney, and the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan ("U.S. Attorney") (collectively "the parties") agree as follows:

1. Guilty Plca.

A. Defendant will plead guilty to count Nine (9) of the indictment. Any other counts against Defendant in this case will be dismissed. Defendant

acknowledges that the court may consider these other counts and any other relevant conduct in determining the appropriate sentence.

- B. The clements of the offense(s) that the government would need to prove beyond a reasonable doubt at trial are: (1) Defendant aided, procured, counseled or advised in the preparation or presentation of a document in connection with a matter arising under the Internal Revenue laws; (2) the document was false as to a material matter; (3) Defendant acted willfully.
- C. The parties stipulate that the following facts are true: commencing in 2002, Defendant Fils-Aime, while employed as a tax preparer for H & R Block, assisted, counseled and advised taxpayers in the preparation of individual tax returns which were false or fraudulent in that the returns included false dental and medical deductions as well as inflated charitable contributions and job expenses. Defendant had received specialized training in the area of income tax return preparation. Defendant assisted in the preparation of approximately 30 false tax returns for the tax year of 2001 while employed at H & R Block, as evidenced by his social security number which appears in the preparer section of each return, his H & R Block employee identification number and client's identification. Clients that were aware of the inflated deductions were assured by Defendant that any errors on the return would be covered by purchasing a form of H & R Block insurance called "Peace of

Mind Guarantee" which covers errors up to \$4,000. The fraudulent tax returns resulted in a tax loss to the United States of over \$37,000.

2. <u>Sentence Agreement.</u>

A. <u>Sentencing Guidelines</u>. Defendant understands that, under the Sentencing Reform Act, the court will make factual and legal findings about Defendant's conduct and criminal history. Defendant understands that these findings will be made based upon information provided by the parties and the United States Probation Officer who prepares the presentence investigation report, the stipulations contained within this agreement, and any other reliable evidence, including hearsay. The court will make these findings applying a preponderance of the evidence standard of proof.

Attached to this agreement are stipulated Sentencing Guidelines worksheets. These worksheets reflect the agreement of the parties as to the applicable Sentencing Guidelines calculations. The parties stipulate that Defendant will be permitted to advocate concerning the amount of tax loss to the government for purposes of calculating the Sentencing Guidelines (only) to the extent they may differ from this stipulation.

Defendant understands that the Sentencing Guidelines findings made by the court will be used to calculate a sentence range under the Sentencing Guidelines.

Defendant understands that the court is not bound by the agreement of the parties as to the correct Sentencing Guideline range. Defendant further understands that in determining the sentence, the court is required to consider the applicable Sentencing Guideline range, but is not required to adhere to that range. Defendant understands that, under the Sentencing Reform Act, the court is required to consider all of the factors enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), in addition to the Sentencing Guideline range, in determining an appropriate sentence.

B. Imprisonment. Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C), the parties agree that a sentence of imprisonment within the Sentencing Guideline range of 12-18 months, to be followed by a term of supervised release of one (1) year, is reasonable and an appropriate disposition of the case. Therefore, the parties agree that they will not seek, recommend or advocate for a sentence outside of that range. Defendant further agrees that if his criminal history category is determined to be higher than that reflected in the attached worksheets, then a term of imprisonment within the Sentencing Guideline range corresponding to his stipulated adjusted offense level and the higher criminal history category, followed by the requisite term of supervised release, will be a reasonable and appropriate disposition of the case, and Defendant will not seek, recommend or advocate for a sentence outside of that higher sentence range.

If the court rejects this agreement because it is unwilling to impose a sentence of imprisonment within the agreed upon Sentencing Guideline range, either party may withdraw from the agreement, and Defendant may withdraw his guilty plea.

- C. <u>Fine</u>. Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C), the U.S. Attorney agrees that a fine no higher than \$30,000 is an appropriate disposition of the case.
- D. <u>Supervised release</u>. The court will impose a term of supervised release to follow imprisonment. If Defendant violates a condition of release, the court will then be able to impose an additional prison sentence that could be as long as the original term of release. This agreement does not limit the sentence the court could impose in that situation.
- E. <u>Special Assessment</u>. Defendant must pay a special assessment of \$100 and must bring the receipt to court on the day of sentencing.
- F. Restitution. Defendant agrees that the court shall order restitution, pursuant to any available provision of law, for any loss caused to: (1) the victims of any offense charged in this case (including dismissed counts), and (2) the victims of any criminal activity that was part of the same course of conduct or same scheme or plan as Defendant's charged offenses. Defendant agrees, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(3), that the order of restitution will be in the amount of the tax loss to the United States, approximately \$37,000, to be determined by the court.

3. Subsequent challenges to conviction or breach of agreement.

- A. If at any time Defendant tries to withdraw the guilty plea to any count; attacks the validity of the conviction on any count; or fails to comply with the terms of the agreement, the U.S. Attorney is released from its promises under this agreement and, in particular, may prosecute Defendant on any charge that it agreed to dismiss or not to bring. In addition, if Defendant's conviction on any count is vacated, the U.S. Attorney may request resentencing on any remaining count.
- B. Defendant waives a double jeopardy defense as to any charges the U.S. Attorney brings or pursues under the previous paragraph. Defendant waives any speedy trial or statute of limitations defense for the period of time between the date Defendant signed this agreement and (a) the date an order permitting withdrawal of the plea, vacating the plea, or reversing the conviction on any count becomes final, or (b) the date the U.S. Attorney notifies Defendant in writing of Defendant's failure to comply with the agreement; whichever is later.
- 4. <u>Waiver of appeal rights</u>. If the court imposes a sentence that does not exceed the top of the range described in ¶ 2 of this agreement, Defendant waives any right he may have to appeal his conviction or sentence. If the court imposes a sentence that

is not below the bottom of the range specified in ¶ 2, the U.S. Attorney waives any

right he may have to appeal the sentence.

No other terms. This document is the entire agreement between Defendant 5.

and the U.S. Attorney with respect to the charges noted above in this criminal case.

It does not prevent any civil or administrative actions against Defendant or any

property by the U.S. Attorney or any other party. There are no other parties to this

agreement.

Acceptance of agreement. This offer automatically expires unless it has been 6.

received (fully signed) in the Office of the U.S. Attorney by 5:00 P.M. on November

28, 2005. The U.S. Attorney reserves the right to modify or revoke the offer prior to

Defendant's plea of guilty.

STEPHEN J. MURPHY

United States Attorney

Dated:

ssistant U.S. Attorney

Dated:

Assistant U.S. Attorney

By signing this document, the Defendant acknowledges that he has read (or been read) this entire document, understands it and agrees to its terms; and also acknowledges that he is satisfied with his attorney's advice and representation.

Dated:

CHARLEMAGNE FILS-AIME

Defendant

Dated:

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MARTIN CRANDALL Attorney for Defendant

WORKSHEET A (Offense Levels)

Defendant:		Charlemagne Fils-Aime		Count(s):	1-28	
Docket No.:		04-90007-AA	, Battani	Statute(s):	26 U.S.C. 7206(2)	
count of	of conviction)) before applying the :	nultiple-count rules in $U.S.$:	account relevant conduct and S.G. ch. 3, pt. D. However, in ther within the meaning of U.	i any case involving multiple	counts of con-
1.	BASE	Offense Lev	EL AND SPECIFIC	OFFENSE CHARAG	CTERISTICS (U.S.S	5.G. ch. 2)
	<u>Guideli</u>	ne Section		<u>Description</u>		<u>Levels</u>
	<u>§2T4</u>	.1(E)	Aiding, Assisting, Pr	ocuring, Counseling or	r Advising	14
	TATE TOWNS ALL		Tax Fraud (more tha	n \$30,000)	<u></u>	
	<u>\$2T1</u>	.4(b)(1) <u>I</u>	Def. employed in tax	preparation business		2
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2.	ADJUS	TMENTS (U.S.	S.G. ch. 3, pts. A, B	, C)		
	Guideli	ne Section	<u>:</u>	<u>Description</u>		Levels
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3.	Adjust	TED OFFENSE	LEVEL		-	
	of conviction	n (taking into accoun	ls entered in Items 1 and 2. I relevant conduct and treati e additional Worksheets A	If this Worksheet A does not ing each stipulated offense as and a single Worksheet B.	cover every count a separate count of	16
			*****	*****		
	If this is	the only Worksh	eet A, check this box	and skip Worksheet B.		X
	If the def	endant has no c	riminal history, check	t this box and skip Wor	rksheet C.	

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WORKSHEET B (Multiple Counts)

Instructions (U.S.S.G. ch. 3, pt. D):

- Group the counts of conviction into distinct Groups of Closely Related Counts. "All counts involving substantially the same harm shall be grouped together into a single Group." (See U.S.S.G. § 3D1.2.)
- Determine the offense level applicable to each Group. (See U.S.S.G. § 3D1.3.)
- Determine the combined offense level by assigning "units" to each Group as follows (see U.S.S.G. § 3D1.4):
 - assign 1 unit to the Group with the highest offense level,
 - assign 1 unit to each additional Group that is equally serious as, or 1 to 4 levels less scrious than, the Group with the highest offense level,
 - assign ½ unit to each Group that is 5 to 8 levels less serious than the Group with the highest offense level,
 - assign no units to each Group that is 9 or more levels less serious than the Group with the highest offense level.

1.	GROUP ONE: COUNTS			
	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEV	/EL		unit
2.	GROUP TWO: COUNTS			unit
	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEV	/EL		
3.	GROUP THREE: COUNT			unit
	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEV	'EL		
4.	GROUP FOUR: COUNTS			unit
	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEV	Έ <u>Ι</u> .	<u> </u>	·
5.	TOTAL UNITS			units
6.	INCREASE IN OFFENSE I	LEVEL		
	1 unit → no increase 1½ units → add 1 level 2 units → add 2 levels	2½-3 units → add 3 levels 3½-5 units → add 4 levels >5 levels → add 5 levels		
7.	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LE WITH THE HIGHEST OFF			
8.	COMBINED ADJUST	ED OFFENSE LEVEL		
	Enter the sum of the offense levels of	entered in Items 6 and 7.		

WORKSHEET C (Criminal History)

Date of offenses	defendant's con	nmencement of the instant of	fense (taking into account rele	vant conduct and	l stipulated			
1.	PRIOR SENTENCES							
<u>]</u>	Prior Sentence	of Imprisonment Exceeding	<u>g 13 Months</u> (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A	1.1(a)): <u>3</u>	POINTS			
C	of the defendant's con	imencement of the instant offenses (tal	t exceeding one year and one month that king into account relevant conduct and st period. (See U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(a), 4A1	ipulated offenses) or (d within 15 years (2) resulted in			
<u>1</u>	Prior Sentence	of Imprisonment of at Leas	<u>t 60 Days</u> (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1	(b)): <u>2</u>	POINTS			
Enter 2 points for each prior sentence of imprisonment of at least 60 days not counted under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a) that either from an offense committed after the defendant turned 18 and was imposed within 10 years of the defendant's commencemer offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(b), 4A1.2(c)(2)) or (2) resulte offense committed before the defendant turned 18 and resulted in the defendant's confinement during any part of the 5-year preceding the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(b), 4A1.2(d)(2)(A)).					ent of the instant ted from an			
<u>C</u>	Other Prior Sen	tences (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(c)):	<u>1</u> .1	<u>POINT</u>			
th re de ce	re defendant turned 1 elevant conduct and s efendant turned 18 ar	8 and was imposed within 10 years of tipulated offenses) (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4, id was imposed within 5 years of the d	S.G. § 4A1.1(a) or (b) that either (1) resulted defendant's commencement of the in A1.1(c), 4A1.2(c)(2)) or (2) resulted from defendant's commencement of the instant 4A1.2(d)(2)(B)). NOTE: No more than	stant offense (taking in an offense committee offense (taking into a	nto account d before the ccount relevant			
Date of				Release				
Impositi ———	on Status*	Offense	Sentence	<u>Date**</u>	Points			
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^{*} If the defendant committed the offense before turning 18, indicate whether he or she was sentenced as a juvenile (I) or as an adult (A).

^{**} A release date is required in only three situations: (1) when a sentence covered under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a) was imposed more than 15 years before the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) but resulted in his or her confinement during any part of that 15-year period; (2) when a sentence counted under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(b) was imposed for an offense committed before the defendant turned 18 but resulted in his or her confinement during any part of the 5-year period preceding his or her commence-ment of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses); and (3) when 2 criminal history points are added pur-suant to U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(e) because the defendant committed the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) shortly after or during imprisonment resulting from a sentence counted under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a) or (b) or while he or she was on escape status for such a sentence.

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	aving a custodial or supervisory component, incluses. (See U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(d), 4A1.2(m), (n).)	
COMMISSION OF INSTANT (U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(e))	Offense Shortly After or	D URING IMPRISONM
either less than 2 years after release from im imprisonment or escape status on such a sen	ty part of the instant offense (taking into account prisonment on a sentence counted under U.S.S.G tence. However enter, only I point for this item ate of release and identify the sentence from which	. $$$ \$ $4A1.1(a)$ or $4A1.1(b)$ or white if 2 points were added under Item
Enter 1 point for each prior sentence resulting 4A1.1(a), (b), or (c) because such sentence with the sentences are sentences are sentences.	ng from a conviction for a crime of violence that of violence that of violence result is considered related to another sentence result is considered related because the offenses occurred violence and briefly explain why the cases are considered.	lid not receive any points under Ung from a conviction for a crime of on the same occasion. (See U.S.S.)
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WORKSHEET D (Guideline Range)

(COMBINED) ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL	16
Enter the adjusted offense level entered in Item 3 of Worksheet A or the combined adjusted offense level entered in Item 8 of Worksheet B.	10
ADJUSTMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY (U.S.S.G § 3E1.1)	-3
TOTAL OFFENSE LEVEL	
Enter the difference between Items 1 and 2.	13
CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY	
Enter "I" if the defendant has no criminal history. Otherwise, enter the criminal history category entered in Item 6 of Worksheet C.	Ĭ
CAREER OFFENDER / CRIMINAL LIVELIHOOD / ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL (U.S.S.G. ch. 4, pt. B)	
a. Total Offense Level: If the career offender provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.1), the criminal livelihood provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.3), or the armed career criminal provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.4) results in a total offense level higher than the total offense level entered in Item 3, enter the higher offense level total.	
b. <u>Criminal History Category</u> : If the career offender provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.1) or the armed career criminal provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.4) results in a criminal history category higher than the criminal history category entered in Item 4, enter the higher criminal history category.	
GUIDELINE RANGE FROM SENTENCING TABLE (U.S.S.G. ch. 5, pt. A)	12/18
Enter the guideline range in the Sentencing Table (see U.S.S.G. ch. 5, pt. A) produced by the total offense level entered in Item 3 or 5.a and the criminal history category entered in Item 4 or 5.b.	month
STATUTORY RESTRICTIONS ON OR SUPERSESSION OF GUIDELINE RANGE	<u>-</u>
If the maximum sentence authorized by statute is below, or a minimum sentence required by statute is above, the guideline range entered in Item 6, enter either the guideline range as restricted by statute or the sentence required by statute. (See U.S.S.G. § 5G1.1.) If the sentence on any count of conviction is required by statute to be consecutive to the sentence on any other count of conviction, explain why.	months

WORKSHEET E (Authorized Guideline Sentences)

1. PROBATION (U.S.S.G. ch. 5, pt. B) a. Imposition of a Term of Probation (U.S.S.G. § 5B1.1) 1. Probation is not authorized by the guidelines (minimum of guideline range > 6 months or statute of conviction is a Class A or a Class B felony). If this box is checked, go to Item 2 (Split Sentence). 2. Probation is authorized by the guidelines (minimum of guideline range = zero months). 3. Probation is authorized by the guidelines, provided the court imposes a condition or combination of conditions requiring intermittent confinement, community confinement, or home detention satisfying the minimum of the guideline range (minimum of guideline range > 0 months but < 6 months). b. Length of Term of Probation (U.S.S.G. § 5B1.2) 1. At least 1 year but not more than 5 years (total offense level > 6). 2. No more than 3 years (total offense level < 6). c. Conditions of Probation (U.S.S.G. § 5B1.3) The court must impose certain conditions of probation and may impose other conditions of probation. 2. SPLIT SENTENCE (U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1(c)(2), (d)(2)) a. A split sentence is not authorized (minimum of guideline range -0 months or > 10 months). X b. A split sentence is authorized (minimum of guideline range ≥ 0 months but ≤ 10 months). The court may impose a sentence of imprisonment that includes a term of supervised release with a condition that substitutes community confinement or home detention for imprisonment, provided that at least one-half of the minimum of the guideline range is satisfied by imprisonment (if the minimum of the guideline range is 8, 9, or 10 months), or that at least one month is satisfied by imprisonment (if the minimum of the guideline range is 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6 months). The authorized length of the term of supervised release is set forth below in Item 4.b

A term of imprisonment is authorized by the guidelines if it is within the applicable guideline range

3.

IMPRISONMENT (U.S.S.G. ch. 5, pt. C)

(entered in Item 6 of Worksheet D). (See U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1.)

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4.	SUPERVISED RELEA	SE (U.S.S.G. ch 5., pt. D)
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a. Imposition of a Term of Supervised Release (U.S.S.G. § 5D1.1)

The court must impose a term of supervised release if it imposes a term of imprisonment of more than one year, or if it is required to do so by statute. The court may impose a term of supervised release if it imposes a term of imprisonment of one year or less.

		release if it imposes a term of imprisonment of one year or less.
	b.	Length of Term of Supervised Release (U.S.S.G. § 5D1.2)
	1.	At least 3 years but not more than 5 years, where the count of conviction is a Class A or a Class B felony, i.e., an offense carrying a maximum term of imprisonment ≥ 25 years.
	2,	At least 2 years but not more than 3 years, where the count of conviction is a Class C or a Class D felony, i.e., an offense carrying a maximum term of imprisonment ≥ 5 years but ≤ 25 years.
Х	3.	I year, where the count of conviction is a Class E felony or a Class A misdemeanor, i.e., an offense carrying a maximum term of imprisonment > 6 months but < 5 years.
	4.	The statute of conviction requires a minimum term of supervised release of months.
	c.	Conditions of Supervised Release (U.S.S.G. § 5D1.3)
		The court must impose certain conditions of supervised release and may impose other conditions of supervised release.
REST	ritu	TION (U.S.S.G. § 5E1.1)
X	1.	The court will determine whether restitution should be ordered and in what amount.
	2.	Full restitution to the victim(s) of the offense(s) of conviction is required by statute. (See, e.g., 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663A, 2327.) The parties agree that full restitution is \$
	3,	The parties agree that the court may order restitution to the victim(s) of the offense(s) of conviction in any amount up to and including \$ (See 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663(a)(3).)

4. The parties agree that the court may also order restitution to persons other than the victim(s) of the

offense(s) of conviction. (See 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663(a)(1)(A), 3663A(a)(3).)

5. Restitution is not applicable.

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6.	FINE	(U.S.S.G.	§ 5E1.2)
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a.	<u>Fines</u>	for	Indiv	/idual	Defendants

The court must impose a fine unless "the defendant establishes that he [or she] is unable to pay and is not likely to become able to pay any fine." (See U.S.S.G. § 5E1.2(a).) Generally, the fine authorized by the guidelines is limited to the range established in the Fine Table. (See U.S.S.G. § 5E1.2(b).) However, there are exceptions to this general rule. (See U.S.S.G. § 5E1.2(b), (c)(4).)

b. Fine Range from Fine Table (U.S.S.G. § 5E1.2(c)(3))

<u> Minimum Fine</u>	Maximum Fine
\$3,000	\$ 30,000

7. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT(S) (U.S.S.G. § 5E1.3)

The court must impose a special assessment on every count of conviction. The special assessments for individual defendants are

\$100.00 for every count charging a felony (\$50.00 if the offense was completed before April 24, 1996)

- \$ 25.00 for every count charging a Class A misdemeanor,
- \$ 10.00 for every count charging a Class B misdemeanor, and
- \$ 5.00 for every count charging a Class C misdemeanor or an infraction.

The defendant must pay a special assessment or special assessments in the total amount of \$_100

8		ADDITIONAL	APPLICABLE	Guidelines,	POLICY S	STATEMENTS,	AND S	TATUTE	S
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List any additional applicable guideline, policy statement, or statute.	•
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9. UPWARD OR DOWNWARD DEPARTURE (U.S.S.G. ch. 5, pts. H & K)

List any applicable aggr below the applicable gur	avating or mitigatin ideline range.	g circumstance tha	it might support a tei	rm of imprisonment above or
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